

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
INTER-OFFICE MEMO**

**July 1, 2016**

**TO: Robert Hull, Director**

**DEPT: Department of Revenue**

**FROM: James Botvin, Chairman**

**DEPT: Motor Vehicle Dealers' License & Hearing Board**

**SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS' LICENSE & HEARING  
BOARD**

**RESULTS-JUNE 15, 2016**

**Please be advised of the following matters which were heard before the Board on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Board members present: James Botvin, William Jeffrey, Marc Levasseur, Joseph Solomon, Esq., and Lt. David Doucet of the Rhode Island State Police, who will abstain from voting and the deliberation process until further notice while on special assignment with the Division of Motor Vehicles Enforcement Division. Also present was Bradford Booth, Esq., Deputy Chief of Legal Services, Division of Motor Vehicles and Michael Taylor, Esq.**

**MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2016 AT 12:30 PM AT THE  
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES –3RD FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM,  
600 NEW LONDON AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920**

**1. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF:**

**JUNE 1, 2016 BOARD HEARING.**

**Joseph Solomon, Esq. did not participate in consideration of this  
matter.**

**The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of June 1, 2016.**

**2. TASCA AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC DBA PRE-OWNED FACTORY  
AUTO SALES (Robert Tasca, Jr., President)  
FIRST APPLICATION – CASE # KR-160-260  
TO DEAL IN USED MOTOR VEHICLES  
AT 854 TAUNTON AVENUE, EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914**

**Joseph Solomon, Esq. abstained from voting on this matter.**

**Decision: The Board approved this application and granted 13 dealer  
plates.**

**The Board authorized the Dealers' License and Regulations Office to  
conduct a sales audit to allocate the appropriate number of dealer**

plates.

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**3. LJE AUTO SALES, LLC DBA STATELINE NISSAN (Jonathan Stern,  
President)**

**FIRST APPLICATION – CASE # KR-160-255**

**TO DEAL IN NEW NISSAN AND USED MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY**

**AT 845 TAUNTON AVENUE, EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914**

**Decision: The Board approved this application subject to receipt of  
the franchise agreement. The Board granted 13 dealer plates.**

**4. RUSS' OCEAN STATE, INC DBA RUSS' OCEAN STATE  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

**(Russell D Hampton, President)**

**TRANSFER APPLICATION – CASE # KR-150-264**

**FROM 5 ALBANY ROAD, WARWICK, RI 02888**

**TO 35 ALBANY ROAD, WARWICK, RI 02888**

**Decision: The Board approved this application subject to receipt of photographs evidencing completed construction.**

**5. GOLD STAR AUTO SALES, INC (Dennis Goldberger, President/  
Nicholas Mattiello, Esq.)**

**FIRST APPLICATION – CASE # KR-160-238**

**TO DEAL IN USED MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY**

**AT 577 KILLINGLY STREET, JOHNSTON, RI 02919**

**Lt. David Doucet recused himself from this matter.**

**Decision: The Board approved this application subject to the completion of a 160 square foot addition. The Board granted 3 used car dealer plates.**

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**6 A WHEELS, INC DBA SHANNON MOTORS III (John Gosselin,  
President)**

**CASE # KR-160-259**

**REQUESTING A MOTORCYCLE DEALER PLATE**

**HAVE 5 DEALER PLATES**

**Joseph Solomon, Esq. abstained from voting on this matter.**

**Decision: The Board granted one motorcycle dealer plate.**

**7 A WHEELS, INC DBA SHANNON MOTORS “MAIN” (John Gosselin,  
President)**

**CASE # KR-160-264**

**REQUESTING A MOTORCYCLE DEALER PLATE**

**HAVE 22 DEALER PLATES**

**Joseph Solomon, Esq. abstained from voting on this matter.**

**Decision: The Board granted one motorcycle dealer plate.**

**8 DAVID STRIDEL AND THE DEALERS' LICENSE & REGULATIONS  
OFFICE VS VILLAGE MOTOR SALES ( Carmine DeMarco, President /  
Seth Perlmutter, Esq.)**

**CASE # KR-160-066**

**COMPLAINT / SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**Mark Levasseur recused himself from this matter..**

**Decision: The Board ordered Dealer to pay fines totaling \$1700.00 for the following violations: (1) A fine of \$1000.00 for actions relating to the sale of the motor vehicle in violation of RIGL § 31-5-11 (10); (2) a fine of \$500.00 for failure to list an employee on Dealer's Employee List in violation of Rules and Regulations § VI (L); and (3) a fine of \$200.00 for failure to have a valid inspection sticker on the motor vehicle at the time of sale in violation of Rules and Regulations § VI (R).**

**The Board also ordered Dealer to return 7 dealer plates.**

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**9 AARON MURPHY AND THE DEALERS' LICENSE & REGULATIONS  
OFFICE VS VILLAGE MOTOR SALES (Carmine Demarco, President /  
Seth Perlmutter, Esq.)**

**CASE # AM-160-145**

**COMPLAINT / SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**The Board continued this matter until its July 27, 2016 hearing to  
allow Dealer the ability to examine issues with the motor vehicle's  
engine.**

**10. MOON ASSOCIATES AND THE DEALERS' LICENSE &  
REGULATIONS OFFICE VS CENTERDALE MOTOR SALES (Ralph  
Ottaviano, Owner / Tom Bucci, Esq.)**

**CASE # 150-447**

**COMPLAINT / SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**Decision: The Board ordered Dealer to pay fines totaling \$1500.00  
for the following violations: (1) A fine of \$1000.00 for actions relating  
to the sale of the motor vehicle in violation of RIGL § 31-5-11 (10); and  
(2) a fine of \$500.00 for failure to list an employee on Dealer's  
Employee List in violation of Rules and Regulations § VI (L).**

**James Botvin, Chairman**

**Cc: Bradford Booth, Esq., Deputy Chief of Legal Services, Division of  
Motor Vehicles**